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SUBJECT: PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA

REF: A. MANAGUA 4629 AND 4598;

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C. MEXICO 9687 (NOTAL)

INFORMATION CONCERNING GERARDO BOLANOS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A WAS PASSED TO COL. MANUEL GUERRA, VICE MINISTER OF PRESIDENCY, PRESIDENT FIGUERES' INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR, ON NOV. 29, 1973. INFORMATION CONCERNING BOLANOS' DEPARTURE FROM US FOR COSTA RICA CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B AND ESSENTIALLY REPEATED IN REFERENCE C WAS PASSED TO COSTA RICAN OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECURITY (OSN) ON DECEMBER 20. THE OSN ARRESTED BOLANOS AND HIS COMPANIONS AT BOLANOS' MOTHER'S HOUSE ON DEC. 22. WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL FIGUERES, BOLANOS CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN DRINKING AND THAT THERE WAS NO SERIOUS INTENTION TO CARRY OUT ANY SUCH PLOT. COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES WERE APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH BOLANOS'S EXPLANATION AND RELEASED HIM AND HIS COMPANIONS AFTER ABOUT 24 HOURS DETENTION. COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES WERE GRATEFUL FOR
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